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To: Jeffery Hofsass

Re: Patent Application 10/601,060

This is to request help from the Patent Office for a patent application that seems to be cursed. I have not been able to move, track, or successfully communicate with your office regarding this application. My last correspondence of 31 October, 2005 has not been answered.

I have received a notice of abandonment dated 12/13/2005, originated by Lam P. Pham and signed by you.

In a telephone conversation with you shortly after I received the notice, I said that I had no intention of abandoning the application. You said you would send me instruction as to how to proceed with the application.

No instruction has arrived.

This is consistent with the experience I have had with this application. I paid fees for the application twice; once with the initial filing and a second time when the patent was located after having been lost by someone in the Patent Office. During the time the application was lost, I was unable to get information as to its progress. After paying fees the second time, I received an application number, but was not able to find the patent on the Patent Office's web site.

Adding to the problems during this period was my unemployment and subsequent relocation from Mountain View, California to Moab, Utah. During this period, I lost my copy of the original application and my copies of the checks to the Patent Office.

I am very disappointed with the results of this application. It is my hope that it can be rescued from whatever limbo it is in and again pursued to a successful completion.

With Regards;

Robert Thomson